

Kingman County Façade Program



Kingman County has established a Façade Program to enhance the character and encourage investment by improving store fronts of our business corridor/s.

The façade program will allocate \$50,000.00 per year in grants to commercial buildings located in the cities of Cunningham, Norwich, and Kingman. The maximum grant is \$5000.00 funded equally by the County and the City where the project is located. A match of 50% of the project total is required from the business and/or building owner.

Grant applications are accepted until funds are exhausted. Approval is based on economic and/or visual impact. Approval is required before work begins. Applicants must be current on all property tax. Renters may apply with owner permission. This is a reimbursement grant and funds will be dispersed upon completion of the project.

Only eligible improvements will be reimbursed. Please see attached list for full list of acceptable and excluded improvements. Professional design assistance is eligible for grant money. Final design must be approved by City Council/Commission of project location before construction begins.

Program Overview

The mission of the Façade Program is to stimulate investment and development by improving the appearance of our store fronts. Our goal is to increase economic viability and spur business activity in our target area.

Questions may be directed to economicdevelopment@cityofkingman.com or 620-553-4029.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Pre-Application meeting with the program director.
2. Applicants must be commercial property owners or tenants. Tenants must receive written permission from the property owner to apply. Property must be located in the county limits.
3. Applicants are eligible for one grant per calendar year.
4. Applicants must be up to date on all city and county taxes and free from city liens against the property.
5. Applicants must comply with all laws and regulations. Permit fees will be waived.
6. If an application is denied, the city will suggest acceptable improvements for future applications.
7. Applicant must agree to not to change or alter improved facades for 3 years after the date.

8. Applications can be picked up at City Hall.
9. If appropriate, nonconforming signage must be removed as part of the improvement.

Design Principles and Guidelines

Designs must coordinate with the existing building and effort should be made to preserve architecturally significant details. Only facades visible from the street are eligible.

1. Eligible Façade/Signage Improvements
 - a. Professional Design Assistance
 - b. Restoration of historically or architecturally significant details
 - c. Removal of elements which cover significant details
 - d. Window and door replacement
 - e. Signage approved by City Council/Commission of project location
 - f. Lighting (may include display window lighting)
 - g. Landscaping features including outdoor furniture
 - h. Cleaning, Painting, Residing of building
 - i. Awnings, canopies, gutters, and downspouts
 - j. New storefront construction
 - k. ADA compliant renovations
 - l. Sidewalk Repair
 - m. Masonry repairs and pointing
 - n. Cornice Repair
2. Ineligible Improvements
 - a. Indoor Improvements including security/alarm systems
 - b. Playground Equipment
 - c. Structural Changes
 - d. New commercial construction
 - e. Asbestos remediation
 - f. Improvements for which insurance money has been received
 - g. Improvements made before approval
 - h. Temporary Improvements
 - i. Property acquisition/expansion
 - j. Parking Lots
 - k. "Sweat equity" or unpaid volunteer labor

Program Assistance

The façade program is a grant of up to \$5000.00. A 50% match of project costs is required. Matching funds may be from financial assistance in form of a grant or loan. Funds will be distributed after completion of the project.

Process

Step 1. Meet with Kingman County Economic Development

Step 2. Complete and submit a formal application. Email application to economicdevelopment@cityofkingman.com or mail to:

Kingman County Economic Development
324 North Main Street, PO Box 168
Kingman, KS 67068

Step 3. City Council/Commission of project location will review each application. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Location/Visibility/Use of building
- Visual, Business, and Historic Impact
- Significance of grant to completion of project
- Project Amount (provide estimates)
- Total linear footage to be improved

Step 4. After approval by City Council/Commission of project location, the applicant will receive a “Notice to Proceed.” Work done before official notification will not be reimbursed. Secure proper permits before beginning any work. Work must begin within 30 days of notification and must conclude on or before December 23, 2021.

Step 5. After completion of work submit all receipts, canceled checks, paid bills, and contractor lien waivers to city for reimbursement. Attach photos of completed work. A final inspection by Kingman County Economic Development is required to ensure all work in application was completed.

Step 6. After project completion, paperwork submission, and grantor inspection funds will be made available to the applicant within 30 business days.

Façade Improvement Program Application



Date of Submission _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address _____

Is property currently for sale? _____ Original Construction Date _____

Significant Historical or Architectural Information _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name _____

Applicant Address _____

Applicant Phone _____ Email _____

Business Name _____

Years in Business _____ Number of Employees _____

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS (Attach estimates, design drawings, photographs, and other supporting information) _____

Projected Cost _____ Anticipated Time Frame _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Property Owner Name _____

Property Owner Address _____

Property Owner Phone _____ Email _____

I am the owner of the property noted in the property information section of this application. The contact information provided is accurate. I have been informed by the tenant of improvements described in this application and I authorize the tenant to apply for funds towards the completion of the improvements.

Property Owner Signature _____ Date _____

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OFFICE USE ONLY

_____ Completed Application (Pictures, Estimates, Forms)

_____ Reviewed by code enforcement

_____ Approved by City Commission

_____ Notice to proceed sent

_____ Receipts & photos submitted

_____ Grantor inspection

_____ Funds requested from County & City

_____ Reimbursement sent to applicant